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RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 24, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

(Amendment A)

Sir:

THE CHILLIAN TO SON As a response to the February 24, 2003 Office Action requesting an election of Claims from a restriction requirement, Applicants select without prejudice the embodiments of the invention claimed in Claims 53-63; i.e., a process for increasing the loading efficiency of trehalose into platelets by using two phase transition temperature ranges.

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